

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 232

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A RESOLUTION to honor occupational therapists on the 100th anniversary of their profession.

WHEREAS, the profession of occupational therapy was founded in 1917; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapists help people who struggle with diseases, injuries, disorders, or limitations that make it difficult for them to engage in everyday life activities or occupations; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 200,000 licensed occupational therapy practitioners in the United States, including more than 4,000 in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapists work with people in need of their services due to conditions as wide-ranging as strokes, accidental injuries, and autism; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapists help people of all ages participate more fully in the activities that are important to them; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapists help people function in all environments, including, but not limited to, home, work, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapists address the physical, psychological, and cognitive aspects of their patients' well-being; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapists train their patients in the use of adaptive equipment and provide guidance to family members and caregivers in the modification of tasks and activities to facilitate participation; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapists often work as part of a team of healthcare providers that includes speech language pathologists, physical therapists, nurses, home health aides, and behavior analysts; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapists provide their services in a variety of settings, including hospitals, nursing homes, schools, clinics, and individuals' homes; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapists have been licensed healthcare providers in Tennessee since 1984 and are recognized under Medicare, Medicaid, and other federal and state health care programs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate occupational therapists on the 100th anniversary of their profession and thank them for the many services they provide to the citizens of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.